Recommendation of Committee for Construction of Modern Airport at Bangalore

1160. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Bangalore is one of the fastest growing city in the entire South East Asia;

(b) whether Government have constituted a committee for recommending sites for taking up construction of a modern airport at Bangalore to cater to the needs of travellers from the country; and overseas; and

(c) if so, the recommendation made indicating when these were received and the time frame for implementing these ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) Considering the requirements of Bangalore City, a Committee was set up, the report of which is received by the government. Final view in the matter will be taken only after techno-economic factors are considered. At this stage, no time frame can be given.

Functioning of Vayudoot

1161. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to close down Vayudoot service;

(b) if so, from which date and what are the reasons thereofor;

(c) the extent of losses incurred by Vayudoot so far during the last three years; and what are the details of its pending liabilities;

(d) what steps Government have taken to improve its working conditions and make it a profitable concern;

(e) the extent to which Government's policy of allowing private airlines to compete with Indian Airlines has proved successful and what are the details in this regard; and

(f) what are the flying hours of pilots of private airlines as compared to pilots of Indian Airlines ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) The future of Vayudoot is under consideration.

(c) The estimated losses incurred by Vayudoot during the last three years are as follows :—

Years	Estimated loss (Rs. in crores)
1989-90	35.82
1990-91	37.08
1991-92	30.59

The estimated liabilities of Vayudoot as on 30-09-92 is Rs. 182.29 crores.

(d) Rationalisation of rolltes and fares, redeployment of surplus staff in other organisations and reduction in miantenance cost of aircraft are some of the measures taken to improve the viability of Vayudoot operation.

(e) Government has till date issued Air Taxi Operator's Permit to 10 Operators and they have carried 15096 passengers during 1990 and 32817 passengers during 1991.

(f) The maximum flying hours prescribed by Director General of Civil Aviation is 125 hours per month for all the pilots. However, Indian Airlines pilots fly only upto 65 hours per month.

Annual revenue return of International Airports

1162. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is total revenue return from four major international airports at Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras controlled by I. A. A. I. during 1991-92;

(b) what is the total yearly expenditure on Airport maintenance in India and whether it costs more than annual budget;